

tongue/' The girls are not educated to be such wives. They find some support at home against their husbands. Hence nearly all Turks entertain feelings of dislike and ill will towards their parents-in-law, and prefer slave concubines, whose relatives they welcome, if the wife is pretty, or wins their affection. Great ladies buy promising girls of seven or eight and train them, and sell them again.<sup>1</sup>

307. Review of slavery in Islam. The injunctions of Moham-  
 medanism sound just and humane; the practice of Mohammed-  
 ans is cruel and heartless. The slave is not a thing or ware ; he is a man entitled to treatment worthy of a man. A man may take his slave as a concubine, but he must not sell her to vice. A free man may marry a slave, if she is not his own. A free woman may marry a slave, with the same restriction. If a slave woman bears a child to her master, the child is free, and the mother cannot be sold or given away. At the death of her owner she becomes free. A slave man and woman may marry, with the consent of the owner, to which they have a claim if they have behaved well. A slave man is limited to two wives. Emanci-  
 pation is a religious and meritorious act on the part of a slave owner.<sup>2</sup> "In general, it must be acknowledged that neither amongst the people of antiquity, nor amongst Christians, have slaves enjoyed such good treatment as amongst Moslems."<sup>3</sup>  
 The provision about a slave woman who becomes a mother by her master is the one to arouse most Christian shame. Still, the Moslems have so many special pleas and technical interpre-  
 tations by which to set aside troublesome laws that we can never infer that the mores conform to the laws. It is against the law

for a Moslem to reduce a Moslem to slavery, but  
the Turks rob  
the Kurds and other tribes of their women, or  
buy them from  
the barbarous Tcherkess.<sup>4</sup>

308. Slavery in England. Sir Thomas More<sup>5</sup>  
provided for  
some of the troubles of life by slavery.  
Slaves were to  
do "all laborsome toil," "drudging," and  
"base business."

They were to be persons guilty of debt  
and breakers of

1 us, **XXX**, 127 ; Vambéry, Sittenbilder aus dem Morgenlande,  
Globu 25.

ri, Islam, 149.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., 150.

\* Ibid., 153.

<sup>5</sup>

Utopia, II, 53.